

THE JEWISH DAILY

FORWARD

SHA'AR ZAHAV שער זהב

NOVEMBER 1980

OUR FIRST BAR MITZVAH



from the co-leader

At the end of September, the First Annual Women's Music and Cultural Festival took place in Yosemite. This happened to be during the Festival of Succos, commemorating our ancestors' journey through the desert after leaving Egypt; camping out for three days, I decided, would be even more appropriate than eating in a Sukkah! My religious fervor was not the only motivating factor for my going, of course. I needed to get out of the city; I wanted to spend time in the mountains surrounded by women and music. But religion was not absent from my thoughts about the weekend. As I loaded my pack, I threw in my talkis, a yarmulke, and a prayerbook. I looked forward to reciting the Sabbath morning prayers as the sun peaked over the mountains and mist covered the ground. I smiled as I imagined what women might think if they saw me davening. While spirituality is an important part of the lesbian movement, many of the women I know feel strongly that Judaism and Christianity are weapons used to oppress women, and are institutions we must fight against rather than join.

The festival was wonderful! Each day was warm and sunny, and each night clear and cold. The music was excellent, and the atmosphere was happy, loving, nurturing, and safe. Surrounded by women and nature, I felt as though I had come home to the bosom of my family. I also felt at home for another, quite unexpected reason: the Festival was incredibly Jewish! Friday night included a Shabbat ritual, at which we shared songs and spoke about the Sabbath and Succos. On Saturday night, there was a Succos/Havdalah ritual. There was also a workshop on anti-semitism and one for daughters of Holocaust survivors. The program descriptions for some of the performers (Robin Tyler, Davida Ishatova, and Sylvia Kohan) specifically stated that they were Jewish. In their performances, these women spoke of their Jewishness from the stage with the same pride that I had seen displayed by Third World women, but never before by Jews in the women's movement. And why not? We have a right to be proud of our heritage and our ethnicity!

A number of women came up to me over the course of the Festival, saying either, "Didn't you help lead High Holiday services at Sha'ar Zahav?" or "I know you - I've seen you at the gay synagogue!" A much larger proportion of the women were not at all involved in Sha'ar Zahav. Some of them didn't know we exist. Others had heard of

us, but had heard negative things about the synagogue. Still other women had been to one of our services, but had chosen not to get involved. It was this last group that I was most interested in.

When I speak of my interest in Jews not involved in Sha'ar Zahav, or about our image in the community and our ability to attract new members, it is not out of a desire to build a Sha'ar Zahav hegemony which incorporates every gay and lesbian Jew in the Bay Area. I don't believe that the needs of every lesbian and gay Jew can be met by a synagogue. We should honor these individuals' lack of interest in us. At most, we should expand our social services and non-religious activities to serve these lesbians and gay men.

What my concern about our image targets is the population of lesbian and gay Jews who want to participate in a congregation, but feel uncomfortable and/or alienated by Sha'ar Zahav. What can we do to make ourselves more attractive to these people? Part of the problem is that the people we alienate are on both ends of each spectrum on any issue of controversial nature. For example, some Jews feel that our services are too traditional; others feel that they are not traditional enough. In the case of the women at the Festival who were alienated by Sha'ar Zahav, the same problem exists. While we are working on creating a non-sexist organizational structure for the synagogue and removing the patriarchal bias from our services, it is impossible to do this as quickly as we would like (i.e. immediately), since each of us has our own internalized sexism to deal with, as well as that of the congregation as an institution. Furthermore, to move on the issues as quickly as some of us could would leave other members behind, feeling frustrated, left out, and just as alienated as the women whose complaint is the opposite. The situation of Sha'ar Zahav working toward nonsexism is analagous to that of a scuba diver swimming to the surface: to shoot up through the water would be disastrous, but to stay on the sea floor would be, in the long run, equally fatal. For those individuals who see Sha'ar Zahav as moving too fast or too slow - or too far or not far enough in the direction we've taken - we may never seem attractive enough. As for those whose ideas are within the range of Sha'ar Zahav's "official" policy, but who haven't quite clicked with us, there is still great opportunity. Rather than spending our time and energy in combating those groups we see as too radical or too conservative, we should embark on outreach and

membership drives directed toward those who would feel comfortable with us. Therefore, our goals should be to identify how we can reach these individuals, what programs we can institute for which there is a need, and a concerted effort by all members of Sha'ar Zahav to make us a vibrant and growing organization; through these means rather than infighting and holier-than-thou attitudes towards those outside our synagogue can we be most effective.

Love, Laurie



LETTER FROM FRANCE

12 October

Dear Achim & Achyot,

Bonjour mes amis juifs et gais. The beauty of Paris was almost unbearable, but on my first Shabbat eve, I looked out the Metro window to see several youths give the Nazi salute and shout "Heil!" Later I found out that Nazis had exploded a bomb outside a synagogue, killing four people.

The next day I joined with members of Beit Haverim and several thousand French Jews in a demonstration down the Champs Elysées. People chanted "Fascism ve passera pas!" (Fascism doesn't "go") and "Vivra (Long Live) Israël!" Later, the city's outrage burst forth in an even more massive demonstration against the government's complicities with the anti-semitic Right. The roots of bigotry go deep in France.

Our friends in Beit Haverim must contend with this as well as homophobia, and I wonder if we in Sha'ar Zahav might extend ourselves toward a closer alliance to help them. !511175175 Krag Jacobsen

from where i stand

From the desk of
ALLEN BENNETT

No doubt from our precarious perch here in San Francisco, we see the world through some very different glasses. What has been a fun and frolic time for small children all over the country has become the major annual carnival here at home. Hallowe'en has metamorphosed into the Feast of License where anything goes and no holds are barred. Certainly we find no religious significance in this observance, at least not from a Jewish standpoint, but it is not insignificant that a great amount of time and energy (perhaps more than for any of the other holidays) is spent in preparing for and celebrating this very strange evening. In what started as a celebration of freedom of the spirit for gay men and lesbians, we now find the same people beginning to take cover under the protection of private parties, since we know that there are elements in our community who see the flamboyance of San Francisco's Hallowe'en celebration as the final outrage against their sensitivities and sensibilities. These folks are the ones who also collectively decided that it is better to attack us in the street than to let such serious affronts go unrequited. Hallowe'en thereby loses most of its potential for the fun which we formerly found in it.

At a time when we see ourselves attacked on many sides, both within our community and outside of it, both by the right-wing evangelicals and the righteously indignant liberals, I believe that we would do well to take stock of where we are in our freedom, to evaluate where our freedom ends and where our license ends, and what benefit we gain from taunting those whose fear can be far more dangerous to us than our needs to celebrate on the streets. I worry for our safety and our lives.

At the same time, the history of Hallowe'en evokes for many people the image of ghosts, hobgoblins, the devil, other evil spirits, and so on. And in Celtic traditions great bonfires were lit on hilltops so as to frighten away these awesome creatures. From where I stand, I think Hallowe'en is very much with us. In our community it is a time when those who are unsure of us, in any sense of the word, see their worst fears realized, even if in parody. And since their fears are irrational (fear, by definition, is irrational), their responses are irrational as well.

That same concern extends to the national election which will take place in the next few days. In the past months the candidates have unleashed all the hobgoblins on us that they could muster. The cry has gone up all over the land that there are no good candidates from which to choose. We are told that this election is a personification of the forces of evil at work against each other.

Irrespective of the claims made, I see some very frightening parallels between Hallowe'en and this election. In one sense we are dealing with unknowns. How will the elected president be after January first, and how will that affect us? The unknowns give rise to fears, irrational fears. And those same irrational fears have been unleashed on the other voters in order to make them vote for one candidate or another. Each candidate puts the worst mask on the face of his opponents that he can find, so as to frighten us into voting for the least frightening candidate.

Our only rational choice in such frightening and irrational circumstances is to try to grasp what is really taking place, in perspectives which transcend the election, and with implications far beyond who gets elected, and to begin making plans for living and dealing with whichever candidate gets into office.

For us as Sha'ar Zahav the issues are legion. We are confronted with potential attacks on our tax-exempt status as a congregation; we face federal legislation, as well as state legislation, which could severely curtail our rights and freedoms as human beings, and we face the growing threat to our very lives from the more and more fanatical among the right wing who have managed to get into politics with almost no challenges to their right to do so as "religious" groups, chanting the slogans which will deprive us of our rights first, and then move on to whatever groups oppose them next.

It is a time for circumspection and caution. As survivors we know how this is done. I urge you to take refuge in Sha'ar Zahav as a safe place in the storm, knowing that, come what may, your mishpachah, your kehilla, your family and community, will be there for you.

BOWING FOR DOLLARS

Due to the fact that I am in an upbeat mood, I sense that this will be an upbeat article. Sha'ar Zahav has just completed a successful initial two month period in our new year (5741). Holiday donations were an increase over least year's comparable donations. There has been a significant surge in our membership rolls. I think there must be something worthwhile going on here.

But wait, there's more! As you know, Sha'ar Zahav is constantly growing and flourishing. One of the directions for that growth that is currently being explored is the possible acquisition of our own building, in which Sha'ar Zahavniks could flower. However, before such a step can become a reality, adequate financial backing will be required. YOU can help. Send us a note to let us know what amount you would be willing to pledge toward the acquisition of our own building. Let's get together and make this thing happen!

A couple of months ago I put out a call for fundraising ideas. So far, the response has been so underwhelming that I've taken to standing on street corners with a tin cup. There must be some creative individuals out there with wonderful ideas, just waiting to be asked.

I'm asking, I'm asking!

I see this as an excellent opportunity for some of our newer members to get more involved with Sha'ar Zahav. I still think a backgammon or dominoes tournament would be terrific.

Please give me a call some evening at 621-6637 if you have an idea you'd like to pursue.

Until the next time.....

Your Treasurer, *Herb*

SECOND BLOOD DRIVE

Sha'ar Zahav is holding its second blood drive this year from November 3 through November 10 at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank.

Giving blood is an easy and painless process. In fact, it's also very educational. You'll learn your blood type and other related information. While you're at the blood bank you'll also receive fresh donuts, coffee, delicious fruit juices, and pleasant conversation. What more could you ask for a few minutes of your time?

Please request that your blood donation be credited to the account of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Naturally, you receive credit also for your donation through the synagogue's account.

Come join us at either the downtown center at 760 Market Street, 11th floor, Phelan Building, or at Irwin Memorial, 270 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco. Please call 567-6400 for the hours for donating at Irwin Memorial, or stop in at the downtown center between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BRING A FRIEND!

PASS THE WORD!!

IT'S A MITZVAH!!!

Shalom,

David

David Ben-Jacob
Blood Drive Chair

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Helplessness is not a feeling I enjoy or nourish. However, the recent terrorist attacks upon Jews in France, the bombing of a synagogue in Paris, combined with the bombing of the Women's Center in San Francisco, gives me momentary pause to wonder if I, as a single individual, really do make a difference in the world.

Are we as totally isolated in our true being from each other as Sartre suggests? Or do we have that innate need for mishpachah, and reach for it? I choose to believe through my experience in the latter. I believe and feel mishpachah even when the odds seems less than favorable in its being so.

Fortunately, all I have to do to pass over the helplessness hurdle is to look here at home -- within Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

We are making a difference collectively and individually. Our members are out there donating blood on a regular basis, picketing at the Soviet Consulate, working with the elderly and the ill, supporting the ongoing struggle for human rights (which includes full equality for lesbians and gay men), and encouraging the continuing growth of our synagogue.

Sha'ar Zahav now has the largest regular attendance of any synagogue in San Francisco for Friday night Shabbat services.

Our outreach to the Jewish community is changing a relationship which began with intolerance into one of loving acceptance. Here, I wish to acknowledge Rabbi Martin Weiner and the members of Congregation Sherith Israel, and Rabbi Morris Hershman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for all their support.

Anti-Semitism did not begin and end with the Holocaust. We must constantly guard against any form of crystallnacht whether it be physical or mental.

We stay strong and grow stronger through our unity as Jews. Jews who participate in all levels of our kehilla are Jews who do make a difference in the world.

Shalom, *Bryan*

the family circle

Here comes Paula Reveresky, a Jewish dyke-on-a-bike, riding pell mell among us, raising the alarm.

"Whoa, Paula...what's up?"

"Trouble, real trouble. I have to wake up and shake up all the complacent people. It's a dangerous time; we musn't ignore all the signs around us. We must not take things lightly. Everything is definately NOT all right!!!"

"What's going on...what are you talking about...what is wrong?"

"I'm talking about anti-semitism!"

"Oh, that again."

"Not again, still! We don't need a pogrom or a holocaust for it to be true. Anti-semitism has flourished over thousands of years; the spore is always in the soil, and the soil is always fertile!"

"If that's true, why are you riding now to raise the alarm?"

"For some reason this is a very 'good' season for the growing of hatred. I have my theories, but I don't want to sit around swapping theories...there is work to be done."

"I don't see what's so terrible or menacing."

"Than stop looking with your eyes closed! A bomb in Paris, the Bader-Meinhof in Munich, the nazis in Illinois, the leader of the Southern Baptists saying God can't hear Jews prayers...what more does it take to get your attention?"

"Those are isolated incidents, they're serious and tragic, but they won't amount to anything more."

"That's what The New York Times said about the nazis in Germany in the early '30s. Shall we take the chance? AGAIN?"

"Even if I agreed with you, there's nothing I can do."

"Not with that attitude, there isn't. And if you do nothing what will be done, and by whom? If rational, sensible and reasonable people remove themselves from the struggle, only the irrational and unreasonable will be left. Do you want the JDL to be the voice against anti-semitism?"

"That's not the only choice; there's always Israel!"

"ALWAYS... I hope you're right. But even so, they can't do it alone...nor should they. All of us have to commit ourselves...each and every one! It cannot be, it must not be, otherwise!"

"Well, maybe...I don't know...you may be right... it's so hard to figure out, to understand...I'm just not sure."

"What's the matter? Are you afraid to look like a

fanatic, a hysterical/paranoid Jew, are you afraid to look foolish? Are you afraid 'they' may think you're over reacting? Or are you just afraid to acknowledge that, as terrifying as it is, it may be true? And if it's true, than you HAVE to do something about it and what-on-earth can you do...and what if you CAN'T accomplish anything?"

" You are frightening me!"

" Good, at least I'm not boring you. Pay Attention. There is a great deal you can do. There is a great deal each and every one of us can do, and we can do it in meaningful and sensible ways. We can make a difference. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav can make a difference. We must work together as individuals, as congregants, as family, as humanists! Abraham did not have to sacrifice Issac; he only had to prove his dedication to his beliefs. So must we all."

Paula asked me to send you all her love, and to ask you for your help, your suggestions, and your comments. You can leave messages for Paula at my house (751-1576).

Shalom —
Leila



IMPORTANT: NOTICE TO NEW MEMBERS

The Post Office threw us a terrible curve. Without prior notice they changed the bulk mailing regulations effective October 1st. If you have sent in a pre-paid membership application form in October please call George Lucas, co-chair of Membership Comm. to make certain we have received it. If we have not, we can rush one out to you that will conform to the new regulations. Please call now: George can be reached at: 775-4386.

SPREAD JOY - - - SPONSOR AN ONEG

In today's inflationary world the cost of hosting a party for 50 or 60 people can be truly prohibitive. Therefore, it is a real joy to know that sponsoring an Oneg is relatively inexpensive.

Over the past months it has been basically the same individuals who sponsor Onegs. We thank them for their willingness to sustain our Friday night Shabbat Onegs. God thanks them too, as it is a mitzvah.

However, as we are striving to have more people participate in the life of our synagogue, we now ask you to share in the joys of Oneg sponsorship.

David Ben-Jacob, Oneg Chair, has all the information and assistance you'll need to prepare for an Oneg.

Please call David at 776-1289 to make your arrangements NOW!



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

As of press time, the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 16.

The exact date, time, and location of the meeting will be announced at Shabbat services.

Please plan to attend the meeting, as your voice is needed in the life of your synagogue.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the heavy end of November mailing as well as the holiday mailing during December, our Forward deadline for November and December will be the 10th of each month.

As a reminder, all articles submitted for consideration in the Forward must be typed.

Please fold an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper in half and type your article on the half sheet. That is the format of the newsletter.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Shalom, *Bryan*

Bryan Taylor
Editor



UP AND COMING

The 12th Regional Biennial Convention of the Northern California Council, Union of American Hebrew Congregations will be held at the Marriott Inn - Berkeley Marina, January 30 through February 1.

The Convention will feature seminars, workshops, worship, and activities that will be inspirational to synagogue leaders and members.

For more information, please contact the UAHC at 392-7080.

FRENCH ANTI-SEMITISM

by Richard Marks

The French Jewish community is the largest in Western Europe. The recent bombing at a synagogue and the outright attacks on Jews in France are frightening reminders of the unfortunate history the French have had toward their Jewish citizens.

However, this period is particularly critical today, as the French Jews are caught between an anti-semitic (pro PLO) left and a growing anti-semitic (neo-fascist) right. The Jews continue to be the pawns of any extremist political game in Europe.

This "common market" of extremism in Europe today has similarities to the period in the 1930's which polarized European nations and led to the rise of Nazism. As one French Jewish woman who survived the concentration camps noted, there is no "neo-Nazism", it is the same Nazism that has always existed coming to the surface.

The antidote to the French situation is strong governmental action against terrorist groups; and a strong united front against the climate of anti-semitism.

The French Jewish community has organized itself actively towards this end. The San Francisco Jewish community has expressed its concern to the French Consul-General here through the Jewish Community Relations Council. Along with this action, it would be very helpful for individuals to write letters of concern to the French government and letters of support to French Jewry.

To express concern to the French government, please write:

The Honorable Pierre Brochand, Consul-General
Consulate General of France
2570 Jackson Street
San Francisco, CA 94118

The Honorable Francois de Laboulaye, Ambassador
Embassy of France
2535 Belmont Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

To express solidarity with French Jews, please write:

Rabbi Michael Williams
Union Libérale Israelite
24 Rue Copernic
Paris, France 75116

Alain de Rothschild, President
or
Pierre Kaufman, Executive Director
C.R.I.F.
19 Rue de Teheran
Paris, France 75008

We gratefully acknowledge the Jewish Community Relations Council for offering us this information. Further details on this situation can be obtained from the JCRC, Suite 920, 870 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94102, 391-4655.

Remember!



SKATE LIKE CRAZY



Get yourself into a pair of skates and GO! Go Tuesday evening, November 18, to Sha'ar Zahav Night at Skate World, 3645 San Pablo Dam Road, in El Sobrante, just north of Richmond.

Every Tuesday night is Gay Night at Skate World with bus service provided by the rink. There are several convenient San Francisco stops beginning at 7:00 p.m. sharp at 18th and Castro Streets, followed by stops at Busby's and 'N Touch on Polk Street.

The price is just \$5.25 with your own skates, or \$6.00 which includes bus, skates, and admission.

Please call your RSVP to our synagogue number, 621-2871, indicating your interest, and whether or not you plan to take the bus.

So skate like crazy from 7:45 until 10:00 at Sha'ar Zahav Night, Tuesday, November 18, at Skate World.

HOT LIGHTS DANCE

DANCE YOUR HEART OUT

Make your plans now to kick up a heel at our Chanukah Dance, Saturday, December 6. A disc jockey will spin you through an evening of magic and merriment.



bits & pieces

SHARE

Amiable male roommate wanted to share a two bedroom Victorian house in the Oakland hills. All the amenities are provided including laundry facilities and outdoor deck.

The house is close to shops, and one block from the San Francisco express bus. It's 15 minutes to The City. The house is great for someone who loves and appreciates the gracious lifestyle.

Call Steven at 531-4446.

THANKS!

Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver extends her thanks for all the volunteer effort she has received during her reelection campaign.

Ms. Silver particularly acknowledges the support and spirit of members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

If you are interested in contributing to the efforts of Supervisor Silver, please call 861-8450.

GAY AND LESBIAN RETREAT

Exodus Center is creating a gay and lesbian retreat in New England to provide education, counselling and community support.

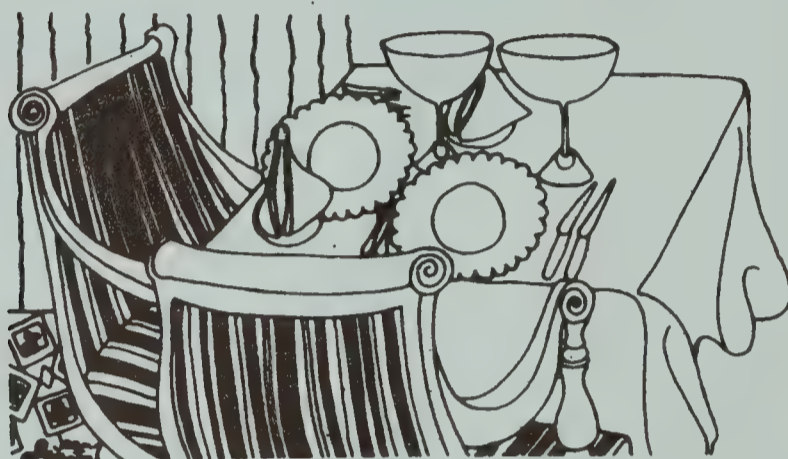
The retreat is being planned in a rural New England setting of tall pines and rugged stone walls.

Exodus Center is a tax-exempt national resource for lesbians and gay men, and their families. The Center's current programs are aimed at assisting people in their achievement of a positive self-image through education, psychological and spiritual guidance.

Further information on the Center and their retreat plans can be obtained by contacting Exodus Center, 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116.

CATERER SEEKS PARTY

Our very own David Ben-Jacob, with the finest Oneg credentials going, seeks catering assignments. David will plan, deliver, and serve your private party or special event. Make your next occasion a smashing success. Call David at 776-1289 to arrange all the delicious details.



NEW JEWISH AGENDA CONFERENCE

The Organizing Committee for a New Jewish Agenda is sponsoring a National Conference December 24 - 28, at the 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the conference is to provide participants with greater insight into Jewish issues from religious and secular perspectives.

The New Jewish Agenda is coordinating a progressive and meaningful Jewish program for the 1980's.

Contact the New Jewish Agenda, 150 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1002, New York, N.Y. 10011, for conference details.

women's chavurah

Join us for a super, luxurious Women's Chavurah and Havdallah Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, November 15.

WOMEN!.

FOOD!!

HOT TUB!!!

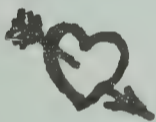


To enjoy all this lavishness take the Bay Bridge from San Francisco to Oakland, then Highway 580 South to 98th Ave., at stop sign make a left and go up Golf Links Road 1½ miles to Caloden, then go up Caloden one block, make a right turn on Malcolm, then go three blocks to Elvessa Street and turn left, then go 2½ blocks to 11255 Elvessa Street.

Come and enjoy a delightful evening in the natural setting of the Oakland Hills with the relaxation that only a hot tub provides.

For further information, please call Alita at 562-8854, or Laurie at 621-0893.

WOMEN WHO JOIN WOMEN FIND JOY IN CHAVURAH!!!!



TO WENDY WITH LOVE



There are too few people these days who are willing to devote themselves to any form of commitment. Fortunately, we at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav are blessed with dedicated people who are willing to take on a task and see it through to completion and success.

Our Wendy is just that sort of person.

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Wendy as Co-Chair of the Ritual Committee. However, it is also with real understanding that we realize her desire for more personal time. Wendy will remain a vital and active member of the Ritual Committee.

To Wendy we say thank you a thousand times for guiding our new prayerbook from its inception to publication. To Wendy we say our gratitude for numerous meaningful services. To Wendy we say thank you for the soul and richness with which you have touched us. To Wendy we say we love you!

ritual calendar

Friday, November 7:

Toledoth

Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

Haftorah:

Samuel I 20:18 - 42

Blessing of the New Month

Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:10

Services: Rabbi Bennett

Friday, November 14

Vayetze

Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

Haftorah:

Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

Services: Eric Keitel

Friday, November 21

Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Haftorah:

Obadiah 1:1 - 21

Services: David Ben-Jacob
and Rabbi Bennett

On this evening, David Ben-Jacob will become a Bar Mitzvah. The congregation is invited to join in celebrating our simcha.

As Jews, we traditionally have a strong sense of community and family. This is evident in most of our prayers which are in the first person plural, and in our ritual practices which are designed for the celebration of simchas, observation of solemn occasions, and mourning for our dead. Therefore, David's Bar Mitzvah is our simcha, an occasion for all of us to rejoice together.

Friday, November 28

Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

Haftorah:

Amos 2:6 - 3:8

Services: Laurie Radovsky

This evening we celebrate Sha'ar Zahav's Third Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Friday, December 5

4th Night of Chanukah

Miketz

Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

Haftorah:

Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

For Chanukah:

Numbers 7:30 - 35

Services: Chanukah

Celebration by the
Ritual Committee

This evening we will host our Annual Chanukah/Latke Party.

OPEN THE ARON

We wish to thank everyone who helped plan or lead High Holiday services. We also thank everyone who attended services during the High Holy Days.

For me, the High Holidays were an overwhelming experience. They were an exciting and quick invitation into Sha'ar Zahav. This New Year (5741) was a milestone for me. It was the first time in ten years that I observed both Yom Tovim in entirety. I really don't remember the High Holy Days ever being so rich and enjoyable.

I would like to see the momentum of the High Holidays and its spirit continue throughout this new year. I believe one of the things that makes us special is the strong involvement of the congregation at all levels. We are a true grass-roots shul.

I encourage everyone to help shape the ritual observances of our family. Come and join the Ritual Committee. We need your suggestions, your creativity, and your participation at services.

Shalom,

Steve
Steve Greenberg
Ritual Chair

OCTOBER ONEGS

- OCTOBER 3: By Herman Seigel for his parents, two sisters, and the congregation.
- OCTOBER 10: By Jordan Lee for his father's yahrzeit.
- OCTOBER 17: By Pete Tannen for the Fifth International Conference Steering Committee, and all those who assisted at the conference.
- OCTOBER 24: By Jerry Rosenstein for the synagogue's enjoyment.
- OCTOBER 31: By George and Tom for the synagogue's enjoyment.

POT LUCK

On Friday evening, November 28, we will have an after Thanksgiving Sha'ar Zahav pot luck oneg. Please bring your delicious dishes which can be enjoyed by all. Come and share the spirit of Thanksgiving as mishpachah.

MY BAR MITZVAH

I am feeling really wonderful these days as I prepare for my Bar Mitzvah. This is the first Bar Mitzvah performed at Congregation sha'ar Zahav.

It's important for me to have my Bar Mitzvah at Sha'ar Zahav as it is here that I receive the love, support, and feeling of mishpachah I need. Sha'ar Zahav is home.

Please come and share this special event with me at Sha'ar Zahav, Friday, November 21.

In addition, I'll be sharing the joy of my first anniversary with Eyler, and my 28th birthday.

I love you all.

Shalom,
David
David Ben-Jacob
Oneg Chair

donations

George Ash (In honor of
the birth of Jennifer
Gales)
Guy Manheimer
Gail Winston
Lori Gradinger
Jerome Singer
Stuart Kane
Roberta Achtenberg
Ralph Harris
Brian Kessler
Leonard Kurz
Sheldon Herman
Sidney Gradman
Cynthia Schorr
Ralph Vissell
Helen Howard
Steve Ginsberg
David Glassberg (In memory
of Frances Glassberg)
Allen Klein
Howard
Robin Ruth Linden (To
Bikur Holim)
Al Cohen
Gerry Rosenstein

Pauline Weis
Roger Silver
Jack Weinberg
Nikki Schrager
George Rosenberger
Howard Fein
Ralph Greenberg
Betty Kalis
Dena Petersen
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Sharon Saslafsky
Gwen Schwartz
Eugene Gessow
Andy Rose
Andrew Frumkin
Duff Kreitzberg
Paula Braveman
Anonymous (In honor of
Nike and her dad)
Robert Rankin



birthdays

Joe Zygielbaum	11/2
Marcy Holtzman	11/3
Leonard Malkin	11/5
Kip Cohen	11/6
Steve Greenberg	11/7
Haim Gamberg	11/11
Robert Smith	11/13
David Ben-Jacob	11/22
Krag Jacobsen	11/23
Allen Blumenfeld	11/26

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Grant Shank, father of Tal'or	
Bar Shank	11/2
Frank Chesir, father of Daniel	
Chesir	11/18
Louis Resnick, grandfather of Mark	
Resnick	11/19

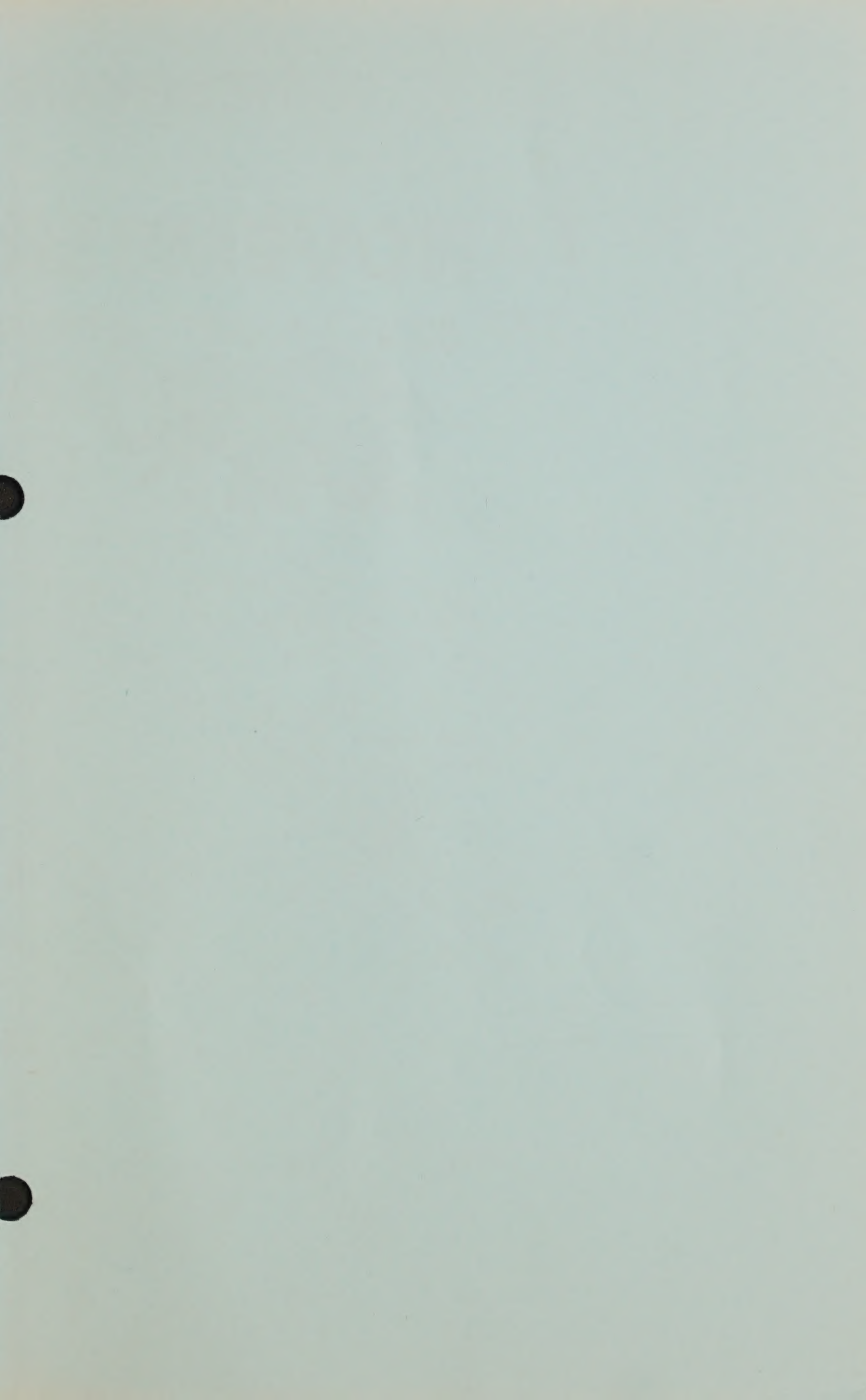
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David Gass and Mark Resnick	11/14
David Ben-Jacob and Eyler	11/27

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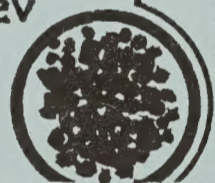


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